(c) Director General of Civil Aviation advised Indian Airlines to :

(1) Apprise their pilots operating A-320 aircraft of the possible confusion and to ensure proper crew coordination procedures.

(2) A general circular be issued on this aspect to all A-320 pilots for their information and guidance.

(3) All Examiners/Instructors/Check Pilots of A-320 aircraft may also be advised to check this item during any route/proficiency checks.

Cancellation of Flight Schedules of Indian Airlines/Air India

7. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of flight schedules of Air India and Indian Airlines cancelled due to the strike by the Indian Airlines/Air India pilots or Engineering staff during the past one year, month-wise;

(b) what is the number of flight schedules of Air India/Indian Airlines cancelled due to the requisitioning of planes for the tours of VIPs during the past one year;

(c) what is the number of flight schedules of Air India/Indian Airlines cancelled due to the non-availability of spare parts during the past one year; and

(d) what is the total number of flight schedules of Air India/Indian Airlines cancelled during the past one year?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Due to Pilots' strike in Air India, 160 single flights were cancelled in May, 1991 while in Indian Airlines, 2 flights were cancelled, 13 combined into 6 and one withdrawn in November, 1991 and 94 cancelled on 20th/21st December, 1991 and a truncated schedule was introduced from 22nd till 26th December, 1991.

(b) No flights were cancelled in Indian Airlines while 9 round-trip flights were cancelled in Air India in November, 1991 and 2 in December, 1991.

(c) During the past one year, no flight of Air India/Indian Airlines was cancelled due to non-availability of spare parts.

(d) During the past one year, 479 round-trip flights of Air India and 2903 flights of Indian Airlines were cancelled.

Setting up of Light and Sound Show in Sibsagar, Assam

8. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration for setting up of a light and sound show programme at Talatal Ghar of Sibsagar, Assam; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regards?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Strike by pilots in Indian Airlines

9. SHRI. RAGHAVJI:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that majority of the Pilots of Indian Airlines went on a flash strike on Saturday the 21st December, 1991 resulting in cancellation of majority of flights throughout the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what were the reasons which compelled the pilots to resort to the strike;

(c) what is the total loss suffered by the Indian Airlines on this account and the details of services affected and cancelled;

(d) whether it is also a fact that on the intervention of the Government the strike was called off by the Pilots but the Chairman and Managing Director of Indian Airlines resigned in protest;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof